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Applicants for DO/US: Alihodzic et al.  
Title of Invention: MACROLIDES SUBSTITUTED AT THE 4"-  
POSITION

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to calculating filing fees and examining this application please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.